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1. The Russians have placed an order with the Neptun-Werft, Rostock, for 1,000 iron pontoons to be made from drawings supplied by the naval construction office in Moscow. It has been emphasized that this must not interfere with work in progress on motor boats and the repair and rebuilding of destroyers. In view of this, the remaining hall, currently used for storage, will be cleaned out and utilized for the pontoon order.

2. Some part of the order will be fulfilled by four iron processing concerns in the Russian Zone.

3. During the last four weeks, Neptun-Werft workers have increased from 3,800 to 4,050.

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4. The administrative director, Busch, and personnel chief Krüger were arrested in late March on an embezzlement charge and are held by the German police. The yard is now subjected to closer surveillance; all incoming mail is relayed first to the Russian administrative and technical supervisors, and all telephone conversations are tapped.

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